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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Original claims 1-13 are cancelled and new claims 14-32 are submitted. Claims 14-32 correspond to claims 26 and 30-47 pending at the conclusion of prosecution in the parent application for this C-I-P application. Previously pending claims 26 and 30-47 were indicated as allowable by Examiner Ahmed in a telephonic interview with Applicants' Attorney, Dean Simmons, on March 16, 2004.

This C-I-P application was filed to provide additional disclosure in the form of Table 1.

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Conclusion

Consistent with the foregoing, claims 14-32 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Consideration of these claims with an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Attorney or, alternatively, Applicants' Attorney, Dean Simmons, at (713) 552-1833 so that all matters may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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